Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A *statement giving the information asked for is laid on the table.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : May I know the percentage of Hindu applications which were granted ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : On a point of order, Sir ; do supplementary questions arise on statements laid on the table ?

President : Yes, if they are relevant to the main question.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Nearly 50 per cent. of the Hindu applications were granted ; about 55 per cent. of the Christian applications were granted ; and about 60 per cent. of the Mahomedan applications were granted.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether Government follow the principle of communal representation in giving grants to schools ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : No, Sir.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : What is the principle then ?

President : There are rules, I suppose ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : There are Grant-in-aid Rules.

Progress made in the establishment of the Rubber Factory.

18. *Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : Will the Government be pleased to state the progress so far made in the establishment of the proposed Rubber Factory in the State ?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : The building for the Rubber Factory has been completed and the necessary machinery got down. The machinery is being erected. The raw materials and chemicals have also been purchased and all arrangements for the working of the Factory are being speedily made.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : What is the amount spent hitherto on purchase of raw materials ?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : Rubber alone has been purchased for Rs. 32,000. I have not got the exact figure about the chemicals, etc.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know from the member whether the fitting up of the machinery is complete ?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : Yes. It is complete now.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Then may I know what is meant by the answer that the fitting up of the machineries is nearing completion ?

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Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: When answering the interpellation it was being fitted. Now it is complete.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Government have got any rubber estates?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What is the quantity of rubber produced from these estates each year?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: I claim notice.

Education Department Co-operative Benefit Fund No. 1964.

19. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad:** With reference to the Education Department Co-operative Benefit Fund, Ltd., No. 1964, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of subscribers to the Fund at present (1-1-1935):

(*b*) whether all the subscribers are paying their dues regularly;

(*c*) the total assets of the Fund till now;

(*d*) whether the administration of the Fund is controlled by the Education Department; and

(*e*) if so, the extent of control exercised by it.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: (*a*) 4,631.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Rs. 81,214-21-11.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) In view of the answer to part (*d*) this does not arise.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there is any case of misappropriation of this fund?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: No such case has come to my knowledge.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether any servant of the department is controlling the administration of the fund if the department is not doing it?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Some employees of the Education Department may be office bearers of this Fund but the department has no control.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know what exactly is the position of this Fund today?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: It is going to be wound up?

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: What are the reasons for deciding this Fund to be wound up?

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